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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN LACLEDE GAS COMPANY INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY--Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to adjust its infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) which appears on the natural gas bills of its customers.

Laclede is seeking the adjustment to reflect infrastructure system replacement investments made by the natural gas company from October 2004 through February 2005. These costs for natural gas pipeline replacements and/or relocations are not currently included in Laclede's rates.

Currently residential customers pay a monthly ISRS surcharge of \$0.62 a month. According to the application, Laclede is proposing to increase that surcharge by \$0.17 a month to \$0.79 a month.

Applications to intervene and formally participate in this case must be filed on or before **April 26, 2005**, with the Secretary of the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Michael C. Pendergast, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, and Rick E. Zucker, Assistant General Counsel-Regulatory, Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, Room 1520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment may contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

The Commission will issue an order regarding the application effective no later than August 2, 2005.

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 630,000 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.